

3rd Sunday of Lent
“Let it alone for one more year.”
Announced Masses for the Week of March 24, 2019

Sunday, Mar 24, 2019

9:00 am † John O. Ward by Joan & family
† Sandra Wryzowski by Brian & Helen McGurrin

11:00 am For all parishioners

Monday, Mar 25, 2019

7:30 am † Nancy Marie Serrao by her estate

Tuesday, Mar 26, 2019

NO MASS

Wednesday, Mar 27, 2019

7:00 pm † Dr. Carl Morin by Mary Moodie

Thursday, Mar 28, 2019

7:30 am

Friday, Mar. 29, 2019

7:30 am

Saturday, Mar. 30, 2019

9:00 am † Donald Bentley Smith by Rita Cullen & family

4:30 pm † Dan Mackay by Mary McCoy
In thanksgiving for favor received by Ramirez & Pua families

Sunday, Mar. 31, 2019

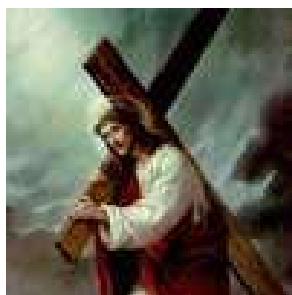
9:00 am For the intentions of Gabriella Szilvasi

11:00 am For all parishioners

First Reading: Ex. 3:1-8a, 13-15 The Lord calls Moses to lead the chosen people, and reveals God’s name to Moses.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12 We must remain steadfast in our faith. We cannot become overconfident even though we are the recipients of God’s favour and grace.

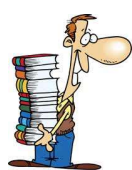
Gospel: Lk. 13:1-9 Jesus tells us to repent. Time will run out, and no one can ever count on another year. Now is the time!



The Secular Franciscans within our parish invite YOU to join us as we walk with Jesus in the Way of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 p.m. (March 8 - April 12) and on Friday, April 19 at 10 am.

See posters on the Parish bulletin boards for more information.

Two thousand years later, Jesus, and we still remember. Will you walk with us?



Booksale: after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses March 31st. Gently used paperbacks are welcome. No need for hardcovers.

Monies raised go to the Bursary Fund for our grade 12 students. All books are just one dollar and donations are always welcome!

Come one, come all! Coffee is served.

Church Refurbishing update:

Work is still coming along well. Electrical work starting this week. The sanctuary back wall upgrade has started. Did you see the pews.....They are looking so good!

Thank you for coping with all this disturbance.

David Burke, chair of Finance Council, Dermot Nally, past chair of Finance Council, Brendan Reid, chair of Pastoral Council and, Fr. Stephen Liang, pastor

In the **third Sunday of Lent** let us see D & P partner in Colombia/Latin America

Columbia is still recovering from half a century of armed conflict that claimed more than 260,000 lives. With the support of Development and Peace partner the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC), women are reclaiming their rights, their land and their dignity.



Read the rest in the Mini-magazine on the tables in the back of the church.

"Building a Safe Environment in the parish - a workshop, 31st March, 2019, Sunday, 1 p.m. (Address: Sheng Shen Chinese Parish, 1187 Michael Street North, Ottawa, ON K1J-7T2, Tel: 613-747-2080):

Sheng Shen (Holy Spirit) Chinese Parish will host a Safe Environment workshop at the above time, with Ms Michelle Clermont, Safe Environment Officer of the Archdiocese of Ottawa as the key speaker, assisted by a panel of young people and adults, to explore the approach to building a safe environment in our faith communities. Language: English, supplemented by Chinese. Free admission. Please register at: [<inquiry@ottawachinesecatholic.org>](mailto:inquiry@ottawachinesecatholic.org)"

Finance Council Corner

Collections for Mar. 17, 2019

Envelopes	\$2,703.25
Loose	\$ 676.35
Other Collections	\$ 110.00
Candles	\$ 211.50
PAR	\$ 569.00
Total:	\$4,270.10

Weekly Goal \$5,250.00

Church Refurbishment \$1,536.10 Total to date: \$3,201.60

IN THE GARDEN

One of the beautiful hymns you will hear performed by the IHM Choir during this Easter season is "*In the Garden*", composed by C. Austin Miles in 1912, and popularized during Billy Sunday's evangelistic campaigns of the 1910s and 20s. Since that time, it has been recorded by artists as diverse as Elvis Presley, Ella Fitzgerald, Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell and even by Roy Rogers & Dale Evans.

"... I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses..."


Despite its deceptive title, this hymn is not about horticulture or plantings, but rather about Mary Magdalene visiting the tomb of Jesus and being distressed to find it empty. As you will recall, the resurrected Jesus suddenly appears to Mary and says to her, "*Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?*" And supposing Him to be the gardener, Mary replies: "*Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him.*"

"...And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own..."

As C. Austin Miles tells the story of his most famous composition, he had been commissioned to write a song that, "*would bring hope to the hopeless, rest for the weary, and downy pillows to dying beds*", and the entire hymn suddenly came to him in a vision as he was sitting in his basement darkroom, perusing his favourite chapter of the Holy Bible, John, Chapter 20. Miles' great-granddaughter later elaborated that the hymn, "*was written on a cold, dreary day in a cold, dreary and leaky basement in New Jersey that didn't even have a window in it let alone a view of a garden.*"

Brian McGurrin

Our Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday	8:00 p.m.	
Good Friday Way of the Cross	10:00 a.m.	
Good Friday Service	3:00 p.m.	
Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.	
Easter Sunday	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	
No Thursday 7:30 a.m. Mass and no Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass		

